

Rural health delivery system and medical insurance

1872. SHRI RAMDAS AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the health delivery system undertaken in the rural areas has achieved the desired targets;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated expenditure to be incurred on rural health delivery system 2006-07 as compared 2005-2006;

(d) whether Government propose to provide medical insurance to the people in the rural areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been able to initiate the process of strengthening the rural health care delivery system including Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health (CHCs) alongwith provision of a link worker called Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) to act as the inter-face between the community and the public health system. As on 1st November, 2006, 256024 ASHAs have been selected to work in the rural areas.

An amount of Rs. 19751.70 lakhs has been released as untied funds to 146026 Sub-centres in the country for local health needs. 2239 PHCs out of total number of 23236 have been made functional on 24x7 basis during 2005-06. Total amount of funds of Rs. 39380.00 lakh and Rs. 32642.00 lakh has been released during 2005-06 and 2006-07 for upgradation of CHCs to Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS). An amount of Rs. 11741.43 lakhs has been released for provision of a Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) per district, based on the proposals received from the States. An amount of Rs. 588 lakhs has been released as seed fund for constitution of Rogi Kalyan Samities (RKS) as per the registration details received from the States.

(c) The total outlay for the NRHM for the year 2006-07 is approximately Rs. 906500 lakh. This includes outlay under the Reproductive and Child

Health Programme (RCH-II), National Disease Control Programme and mainstreaming of AYUSH. Till now, an amount of Rs. 328000 lakh has been released for NRHM activities during 2006-07.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The NRHM framework for implementation, as approved by the Union Cabinet has provided for projects in Health Insurance for rural areas based on specific State/region/district models.

AIDS cases among the children

1873. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of AIDS among the children are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) what measures are being taken to provide care and rehabilitation assistance including medical assistance, to the children afflicted with AIDS and their guardians; and

(d) the details thereof and the number of beneficiaries thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No nation-wide study has been undertaken to estimate incidence of AIDS among children. Number of children with HIV detected during 2005-06 (upto Oct. 06) show a marginal increase during 2006 as compared to 2005 as indicated in Statement-I (See below).

(c) Following measures are being taken to provide care and support to children with HIV/AIDS:

- (i) Provision of ARV drugs to eligible children at Identified ART centres.
- (ii) Setting up of 7 Regional Pediatric ART centres as centres of excellence.
- (iii) Provision of nutritional supplement to children under ART treatment.

Presently 2638 children are being provided ART in the country as per details given at Statement-II.